

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF MEDICAL AND OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS (SDBMOE)

June 11, 2026

[Approved Minutes](#)

9:00 AM (Central Time)

Public Regular Board Meeting

101 N Phillips Ave, Suite 201

Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Unapproved Draft Minutes¹. Board votes by voice call²

Board members present: Brittany Azure Bearstail MD, Scott Blanchard DO; Christopher Dietrich MD, Cartney Gilkerson GC, Natalie Holt MD, Julie Kalahar OTR/L, Kathryn Kassin PA-C, Gary Langerock NRP, Tryg Odney ATC, Heather Spies MD, Rachel Sunne MD, Marissa Trosen RRT

Board members absent: Maurice Chessmore MD, Richard Hainje, Clay Pavlis MD, Lisa Stark RD/LN, Jennifer Tegethoff MD

Board staff present: Executive Director Ms. Margaret Hansen, Ms. Randi Sterling, Ms. Karli LaBrie

Counsel present: General Counsel to the Board: Assistant AG David McVey, Counsel to the Staff and Prosecutor: Assistant AG Alexis Tracy

Other parties may have been in attendance for this public meeting.

Vice President Dietrich called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM (Central time). Roll was called, and a quorum was confirmed. A motion to approve the draft agenda was ratified by voice vote (Holt/Kassin/Unanimous). A call for public comment pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1 was made and there was no public comment. Vice President Dietrich called attention to the following documents: The Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Policy for Use by State Authority, Board, Commission, and Committee Members, and the BMOE member specific administrative rules: 20:78:05:09 Conflict of Interest and 20:78:05:10 Potential Conflict of Interest. A motion for Unanimous approval of the consent agenda was ratified by voice vote (Kassin/Bearstail/Unanimous).

Advisory Council meeting minutes were available for Board review. Director Hansen gave a report for information. The board office has moved to a new location. The 2026 legislative session had several bills that will be South Dakota law as of July 1, 2026. Ambulance operator certification will be removed (HB 1024) and interstate compacts were adopted for three (3) BMOE regulated professions: Physician Assistants (HB 1146), Respiratory Care (HB 1148), Athletic Trainers (HB 1149).

Annual Election of SDBMOE Officers was held. A motion to approve the slate of Dietrich-President, Pavlis-Vice President, Trosen-Secretary was ratified by voice vote (Kalahar/Sunne/Unanimous).

A motion to enter executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) and 19-19-502 to consult with legal counsel was ratified by roll call vote (Kassin/Spies/Unanimous). There was no Board action after exiting executive session.

The Board conducted a public non-physician contested case hearing. A quorum of at least nine voting members was established. A motion to accept the stipulated agreement and enter an order to revoke the license of Mr. Shane Copps was ratified by voice vote (Bearstail/Sunne/Kassin abstained/11 Ayes, 0 Nays).

The Board conducted confidential physician contested case hearings which were closed pursuant to SDCL 36-4-31.5. Members of the public, visitors, and anyone not involved in the confidential physician hearing were excluded from the hearing. A quorum for physician matters was established. At the conclusion of the physician hearing, the Board exited the closed physician session, and the public meeting resumed for final Board action on the confidential hearings. A motion to accept the stipulated agreement with reprimand for Jamie Hammerbeck, MD was ratified by voice vote (Bearstail/Spies/ Dietrich abstained/5 Ayes, 0 Nays). A motion to accept the stipulated agreement with reprimand for Mary Jacobson, MD was ratified by voice vote (Holt/Sunne/Blanchard abstained/5 Ayes, 0 Nays).

A motion to accept the consent agreement with reprimand for Stephen Kuehne, MD was ratified by voice vote (Blanchard/Bearstail/6 Ayes, 0 Nays). A motion to accept the stipulated agreement with reprimand for Yorell Manon-Matos, MD was ratified by voice vote (Blanchard/Spies/Sunne abstained/5 Ayes, 0 Nays). A motion to accept the

^{1 1} 1-27-1.17. Draft minutes of public meeting to be available--Exceptions--Violation as misdemeanor. The unapproved, draft minutes of any public meeting held pursuant to § 1-25-1 that are required to be kept by law shall be available for inspection by any person within ten business days after the meeting. However, this section does not apply if an audio or video recording of the meeting is available to the public on the governing body's website within five business days after the meeting. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor. However, the provisions of this section do not apply to draft minutes of contested case proceedings held in accordance with the provisions of chapter 1-26.

² Format for motions, second and vote results: BMOE member Name (Making the motion/Second/Vote result is either unanimous or noted by name for abstentions. Roll call votes AYE or NAY noted by name)

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stipulated agreement with reprimand for Brandon Welsh, MD was ratified by voice vote (Sunne/Blanchard/Bearstail abstained/5 Ayes, 0 Nays).

President Dietrich mentioned that future board meeting dates are available on the Board's website under Board Info. With no further business, President Dietrich called the public meeting ended and adjourned at 10:15 am Central time.